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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR STEPHENS COUNTY

BRECKENRIDGE, TEXAS, May 26, 2005 - Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today that Stephens County was selected to receive a \$38,000 grant through the agency's Community Facilities program. The funds will assist Stephens County in the purchase of a new ambulance. To highlight this event, a ceremonial check will be presented to the Honorable Gary Fuller, Stephens County Judge.

"USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities programs helps rural communities provide essential public services to enhance the quality of life for their residents," said Daniel. "These funds will enable Stephens County to better provide emergency transport and medical treatment services to individuals in the region."

USDA Rural Development's Community Programs administers telecommunication, distance learning, community facilities and water and waste disposal programs. In Fiscal Year 2004, \$13 million in loans and grants was awarded to assist 228,034 rural Texans.

USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 with a mission to use our resources to help enhance the quality of life for the nation's rural residents. For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Brownwood office at (325) 643-1585, Ext. 4 or visit our website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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